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INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMEMBASSY ACCRA

C O N F I D E N T I A L PEKING 1404

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GHANA HIGH-LEVEL VISIT TO PEKING

1. GHANA DCM BEECHAM INFORMED US JULY 30 THAT HIS EMBASSY HERE TWO MONTHS AGO URGED GOG TO DISPATCH HIGH-LEVEL (VICE MINISTER OF MINISTER) VISIT TO PEKING ASAP. RECOMMENDATION PROMPTED BY VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS GHANAISANS HERE HAVE EXPERIENCED AS WELL AS PAST DIFFICULTIES ON TRADE AND AID MATTERS.
2. GHANA EMBASSY HERE ASKED MFA ACCRA EARLIER THIS YEAR TO CALL IN PRC AMBASSADOR TO COMPLAIN ABOUT CHINESE UNRESPONSIVENESS TO VARIOUS GHANA EMBASSY REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL LOCAL EMPLOYEES AND OTHER HOUSEKEEPING MATTERS.
3. BEECHAM ALSO CITED EARLIER UNSATISFACTORY CHINESE PERFORMANCE ON BARTER AGREEMENT AND CHINESE REFUSAL TO BUILD A RAILWAY INTO GHANA INTERIOR AS INDICATIONS OF CHINESE COOLNESS. HE SAID THAT WHEN ACCRA RECENTLY PUT RAILROAD REQUEST TO CHINESE, CHINESE IMMEDIATELY REJECTED REQUEST CATEGORICALLY, A POINTED DEPARTURE FROM NORMALLY

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COURTEOUS TURNDOWN WHICH, AS BEECHAM SAID, AT LEAST

SHOULD HAVE TAKEN MORE TIME.

4. LAST VISITOR FROM ACCRA, AT VICE MINISTERIAL LEVEL,
ACCORDING TO BEECHAM, WAS IN 1973. GHANA EMBASSY,
PROMPTED BY HINTS FROM LOCAL CHINESE EMPLOYEES, CONCLUDED
THAT RELATIONS GENERALLY MIGHT IMPROVE IF GOG SENDS
HIGH-LEVEL GOODWILL VISIT.
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